

SAFETY IN SOAP

son to shun the soap in a public washroom. However, the health authorities advise against using commode germs. So, says the health department in washrooms or else ariment at Ottawa, even though oth- where, since they can transmit dis- ers have handled it, there is no rea- ease.



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EXPERIENCE OF PONOKA PROV- ES PASTURIZATION VALUE

Proof of the efficiency of pasturization of milk is seen in a report received recently by the Health League of Canada officials from the town of Ponoka in Alberta.

During a Canada wide survey in connection with milk pasturization, Ponoka officials reported a compulsory pasturization by-law had been passed in the town in 1944 "following repeated outbreaks of undulant fever, and when it was found that two of the herds used in supplying milk to the town were seriously infected with Bang's disease." Bang's disease, or brucella abortus, in animals can lead to undulant fever or brucellosis in humans.

It was noted further that, "since then no case of the disease has been reported."

From this report from Ponoka, it is obvious that pasturization is a means of eliminating undulant fever—a disease the seriousness of which is not revealed in available statistics because of diagnostic difficulties. Undulant fever is a disease which does not show characteristic symptoms.

Nevertheless, undulant fevers toll can be cut through the use of pasturized milk, just as it has been proven that the use of pasturized milk has cut the toll from bovine tuberculosis, scarlet fever, septic sore throat, typhoid fever, paratyphoid and dysentery, all milk borne diseases.

The example set by Ponoka and some other towns and cities is commendable and encouraging, but the problem of eliminating milk borne diseases throughout Canada can be solved only through enactment by the various provincial legislatures of compulsory pasturization legislation which covers all municipalities and other districts. Only then will the Dominion be assured of a milk supply which is 100% safe. Ontario at present is the only province with compulsory pasturization legislation in force.

CLEAN RAW MILK NOT ALWAYS DEPENDABLY SAFE

Many safeguards can be taken to assure clean milk but even clean milk if unpasteurized, can carry germs. Clean milk can be obtained by the following protective methods:

1. Farm control in the form of sanitary inspection.
2. Veterinary and nutritional control

3. Medical supervision of the milkers and handlers of milk.
4. Properly cleaned cows and clean barns.

Clean milk is essential from a sanitary point of view and safeguards health to a certain extent in that from it is eliminated much disease-carrying dirt. However, it is not always dependably safe.

Dr. Frank Pedley, of McGill University's medical faculty, has stated that infectious diseases in cattle often occur and contaminate milk between tests which are made only about twice a year. The same is true in regard to milkers and handlers of milk.

Also in connection with clean milk, Dr. John R. Fraser, another member of McGill's medical faculty, says that "milk is one of the most difficult foods to produce, draw, keep, handle and deliver in a clean state. Most foods usually are cooked well enough to kill any harmful or disease producing germs that are in or may get in them, whereas milk, to a great extent is consumed in the uncooked state."

Dr. Fraser added that "unsafe milk has been responsible for more deaths and illness than all other foods grouped together."

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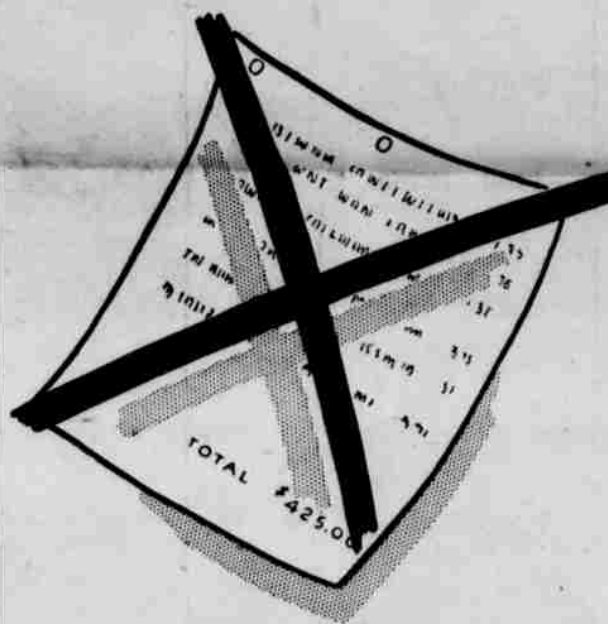
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MELCHIN MOTORS

by Maurice Western



"They couldn't walk like other children"

It was a great day at Last Bend when they bundled the little girl with the twisted legs into the waiting plane.

Few people come to Last Bend. Few leave. On the map the place isn't even marked. Dotted lines indicate the river course—aimless as the lives of the crippled children whose poverty-stricken parents owned the two-room shack.

Margaret had been born up there in the bush, about 400 miles south of the Yukon border. It is a tough country, even for hard-bitten woodsmen and trappers. It demands strength and stamina. Margaret had neither. Instead, she had congenitally-deformed hips.

Only fourteen... and helpless. A doctor, explaining matters in lay terms, would have said that they were out of joint—the femurs parted from the sockets. Margaret merely knew that she couldn't walk like other children. Her feet turned outwards at right angles. She moved haltingly, fearfully, as if she were very old. But Margaret was just fourteen.

She had been ten when Jean arrived—the little sister of the dark solemn eyes, the quick intelligence.

But a little sister born, like Margaret, with cruelly-dislocated hips. A school teacher came to Last Bend. Margaret learned something, then, of the world beyond the bush; heard whispered references to hospitals for crippled children. But, of course, her case was hopeless. It always had been.

Into another life. Yet it happened. The plight of Margaret and Jean came to the attention of the Red Cross. One morning a plane landed at Last Bend. Now—in friendly wards among cheerful, hopeful children, Margaret and Jean are being treated and schooled. Already Jean is walking better—much is hoped of an operation. Her limbs will no longer be conspicuous—not for her the life of an "ugly duckling".

For Margaret, too, a brighter future beckons—after an uphill fight. Age makes a difference. And 14 years is a long, long time at Last Bend.

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